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General Membership Meeting Sunday January 17 @ 3:00pm On-line Conferencing (Zoom)

Message from the President

Occasionally we like to circle away from our parochial focus and back to the overall concerns confronting Labor in the U.S. In a recent newsletter I addressed the unabashedly adversarial posture adopted, vis a vis Labor, by the outgoing administration. Time now to look ahead to what Labor might expect from the incoming crew. The upcoming announcement of Marty Walsh as nominee for Secretary of Labor is a good place to start.

Currently the mayor of Boston, Walsh would be the first union member to serve in this role in almost 50 years—a fairly remarkable statement when we're talking about the Secretary of Labor. Before being elected mayor, Walsh was president of Laborers' Union Local 223, and subsequently became head of the Boston Building Trades Council, a union association. By contrast, soon-to-be-former Secretary Eugence Scalia (yes, he's the son of deceased Supreme Court justice Antonin Scalia) was a corporate lawyer who had a record of arguing against workers' rights.

Per the National Law Review, here's what "employers can expect from him as Labor Secretary":

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A notice in the SAN ANTONIO MUSICIAN shall be considered an official notice to all members.

Message from the President (continued from page 1)

Boston’s Covid 19 Response—“Boston...has consistently been more conservative than Massachusetts as a whole in its reopening plans...(and) has typically been slower to increase office capacity limits and to permit reopening of certain businesses...”

Ties to Organized Labor—“Walsh’s background in union leadership is certain to influence his priorities...Walsh tweeted ‘Working people, labor unions, and those fighting every day for their shot at the middle class are the backbone of our economy and of this country...’”

\$15 Minimum Wage and Paid Family and Medical Leave—“Massachusetts recently began offering paid family and medical leave benefits, and is on its way to mandating a \$15 minimum wage...Walsh was a strong supporter of both efforts...We expect a flurry of activity from the Biden administration’s Labor Department in the months to come.”

Then there’s this from *Politico*: “If confirmed, Walsh would step into the job at one of the most critical points in history for American labor, with millions of people out of work and facing the loss of jobless benefits...The Labor secretary has the power to enact regulatory changes that can make the workplace more safe and secure and empower employees.” In recent years, with a divided Congress, regulatory revisions have been the most frequently used method of bringing tangible change to a variety of areas, Labor being a prominent example. With the President’s party now in the majority in both chambers of Congress, regulatory action may not play quite so prominent a role, but having someone like Walsh, as contrasted with Scalia, at the helm at Labor bodes well for unions across the spectrum—ours most assuredly being one of them.

Richard Oppenheim, Local 23

MEMBERSHIP DUES

2021

Semi Annual

To be paid by the end of the first month of each 6 month term (January & July)

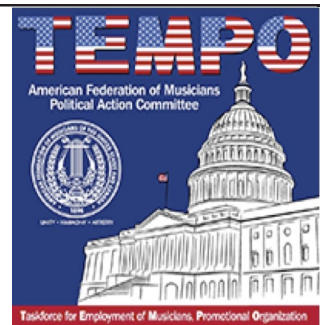
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- Life \$52.00
- Inactive Life \$47.00

Annually

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- Regular \$176.00

The TEMPO fund is the PAC for musicians. It provides the funds necessary to introduce and influence positive legislation on behalf of all musicians. The political activities of the AFM help all musicians. Important legislation concerning terrestrial radio performance rights, defending and improving royalty rates for non-terrestrial radio, musical instruments as carry on baggage, offshoring of film scores with public money are just some of the issues the fund addresses. Please consider making a voluntary donation to advance our cause.



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Libby Barnette
Curtis Calderon
John Coker
Karlos Elizondo
Martin Hill

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Paula Beard
Jerry Chiu
Imelda Delgado
Scott Gale
Richard Warren Hilms
James Newell

DECEASED

Peter Kline

You should have received your statement for your 2021 Membership Dues by now. This is a difficult time we're living in and it's particularly challenging for musicians. We don't want to lose any of our members. Please call me if you have questions or concerns about keeping up with your dues. We're here for you.

Joan Carroll
Secretary/Treasurer

The office is closed for now and we are working from home.

Office Hours Mon 10am-3pm Wed & Fri 1pm-5pm
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All officers serve a two year term. Three board positions are elected every year.

We now have AFM Local 23 Tee Shirts. They are royal blue and they're available in S, M, L and XL. I'll be posting a photo of the shirt on our website, www.musiciansofsa.com, soon. Please let me know if you're interested in purchasing a tee shirt or two.

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Joan Carroll

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